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Ronald N Strand, Chief of Police

## Press Release

**DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT:** August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 –2010 hours.

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** 12020PC-Concealed weapons (daggers) 496PC-Possession stolen property  
12651-Felon Poss.Stun gun, 417.4 Possession of Replica Handgun 460(b) Burglary (car)

**VICTIMS:** State of California and HANBECK, John - Ridgecrest resident

**SUSPECTS:** HODGES, Steven Michael-30 yoa WILSON, Michael Thomas 19 yoa  
HELMUTH, Michelle 44yoa JOHNS, Sandra G. 47 yoa-All Ridgecrest residents

**LOCATION OCCURRED:** 200 Blk W. Church St./ Casey's BBQ

On the above date and time, Sgt. OBERGFELL stopped the above two male suspects for minor pedestrian traffic violations. During the contact, HODGES was discovered to have an outstanding felony warrant. During the search of his person he was found to be carrying a dagger and other illegal items. His associate, WILSON was discovered to have a dagger as well and an exact replica of a H&K handgun concealed in his waistband. He was arrested as well. In their combined property or hidden on their person they were discovered to have ammunition, a stun gun and illegal narcotics paraphernalia.

Additionally it was discovered HODGES had a stolen wallet in his possession. The wallet had been reported stolen by the victim, HANBECK from an address in the Heritage village area only hours before.

Both suspect were transported to Kern County Jail where they were booked. There, additional illegal items were found which had been hidden in or on their body's.

Related to this case at about 2100 hours the two female suspects above were arrested by Officers at Casey's BBQ where they attempted to use stolen items from the victim's wallet to make purchases. They were also arrested and booked at Kern County Jail as well.

All suspects were booked and remain in custody at the time of this Press Release

**RONALD N. STRAND Chief of Police**

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